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MEMORANDUM OF INSTRUCTION

SUBJECT: The Inaugural Gainey Cup

1. The 47th Chief of Armor cordially invites your organization to participate in the inaugural Gainey Cup competition. The event is scheduled to be conducted from 01-05 March 2013 at Fort Benning, Georgia (FBGA). The Gainey Cup will determine the Army's "Best Scout Team".

2. Specific information regarding competitors and the rules of the competition are listed below:

a. The purpose of the Gainey Cup competition is to determine the Army's "Best Scout Team". We will achieve this by testing the scout teams through a gauntlet of tasks and evaluating their cavalry specific skills.

b. Each Regular Army division and separate brigade will be permitted to send one team to compete in the Gainey Cup. Additionally, the Army National Guard (ARNG) is permitted to send two teams to compete.

c. Each team will consist of five MOS 19D Soldiers; no more than two Noncommissioned Officers (CPL, SGT, and SSG) and three Soldiers (PVT, PV2, PFC, and SPC). The team must be an organic element to your organization, not an ad hoc "all star" team built just for the competition.

d. Soldiers selected to compete in the Gainey Cup must be in peak physical condition. Soldiers with profiles that prohibit them from competing in any of the events will not be allowed to participate in the competition, therefore disqualifying their entire team.

e. Pre-registration for this competition is now open and will close 18 January 2013. All teams must pre-register for the competition. Pre-registration can be completed via email. To finalize a team's registration, they must arrive and register with 316th Cavalry Brigade on Harmony Church, FBGA. The registration window is from 0800-1700 hours on 28 February 2013 and at 0600 hours on 01 March 2013. There is no registration or administrative fees for participating in this year's Gainey Cup. Pre-registration information is listed below:

(1) Competitor's full name

- (2) Competitor's rank
- (3) Competitor's military occupational specialty (MOS)
- (4) Competitor's social security number
- (5) Competitor's unit
- (6) Competitor's email address
- (7) Competitor's telephone number

f. A photo of all team members together should be sent to the 316th Cavalry Brigade's point of contact listed in paragraph 6 of this memorandum. The photo will be used by PAO, MCoE to promote the competing units in local media.

3. Sequence of events. The Gainey Cup is a competition that will test the Cavalrymen's knowledge on the fundamentals of reconnaissance, physical fitness, target identification, call for fire, troop leading procedures, weapons familiarization, establishing a landing zone, establishing an observation post, and familiarization with communication and sensor devices. The competition will be conducted over five days where the Cavalrymen will execute a series of events throughout the Fort Benning, GA training areas.

a. Day Zero. Day 0 activities will consist of in-processing and a welcome brief.

b. Day One. Day 1 will start off with a Validus Disciplus event which will evaluate each individual scout's physical fitness and endurance level. The Validus Disciplus will include the following events:

- (1) Push-ups
- (2) Sit-ups
- (3) Pull-ups
- (4) Dips
- (5) Rope climb
- (6) Tire flip
- (7) HMMWV pull

(8) SKEDCO pull

(9) "Farmers walk" (with two 5 gallon water cans)

(10) Sprints

(11) Five mile foot march

The teams will then be tested on target identification and their ability to recognize various friendly, threat vehicles and weapon systems. Following target ID the Scouts will be issued weapons, night vision devices, radios, and other equipment needed for follow-on operations. Once all equipment is issued the Scouts will receive an operations order and start troop leading procedures (TLP) in preparation for the next few days' events. The teams will be divided into two groups, Alpha and Bravo, and be transported to their respective event sites.

c. Day Two. Day 2 will start with the Alpha group at Fort Benning's Digital Multipurpose Range Complex (DMPRC) executing a live-fire exercise (LFX) and the Bravo group in the maneuver training area conducting a reconnaissance lane.

(1) Live-Fire Exercise. The LFX will test the Cavalrymen's ability to observe named areas of interest (NAI), acquire targets and engage them with both direct and indirect fires, and proper reporting procedures. The teams will be issued a fragmentary order (FRAGO) instructing them to observe two NAIs and specifying their engagement and displacement criteria. They will then be transported by an M3A3 Cavalry Fighting Vehicle (CFV) to a pre-established observation post to begin the event. The Scouts will have a section of 81mm mortars providing indirect fire support and will be presented targets to engage with them. They will be allotted one adjustment and then a fire for effect. Additionally, a series of trucks, troops, and armored fighting vehicles will be presented to test the Scouts knowledge of the engagement and displacement criteria and marksmanship. Once the team's displacement criteria has been met, they will displace to a contact point and mount CFVs for extraction.

Concurrently, teams on the DMPRC will be tested on weapons familiarization. The Scouts will have to assemble, disassemble, and perform a functions check on a variety of different weapon systems that are organic to Cavalry formations. Weapon systems the Scouts will be tested on are the M9 automatic pistol, M4 carbine, M240B machine gun, M2 heavy barrel machine gun, Mk19 automatic grenade launcher, and command launch unit (CLU) for the Javelin ATGM. Once a team completes the day LFX, weapons familiarization, and night LFX, they will be issued a FRAGO and start their TLPs in preparation for the next day's events.

(2) Reconnaissance Lane. The recon lane will test the Cavalrymen's ability to plan and execute a dismounted reconnaissance operation. Teams will be

issued a FRAGO instructing them to observe an NAI that is approximately seven kilometers from their current location. They will be required to plan their route, conduct a link-up with a host nation force, maneuver into their observation post and report any activity within their NAI without being compromised by enemy forces. Once they report activity they will be instructed to displace to a specified location and establish a helicopter landing zone (HLZ) to standard. Following the establishment of the HLZ, the teams will be tested on their ability to establish a dismounted observation post to standard. At the OP site the teams will be given an LRASS with all needed equipment, tripod, T&E, range card, and all the equipment to build a directional antenna. Once a team completes the recon lane, HLZ establishment, and OP establishment, they will receive a FRAGO and start their TLPs in preparation for the next day's events.

d. Day Three. Day 3 will be the same as Day 2 with Alpha group conducting the reconnaissance lane and the Bravo group conducting the LFX.

e. Day Four. Day 4 will begin with the teams being air lifted by rotary wing aircraft from the FBGA training areas back to Harmony Church. Once they are at Harmony Church they will conduct a two mile foot march, with all assigned equipment, to the 194th AR BDE obstacle course. At the obstacle course they will be required to complete a written exam testing their knowledge on the fundamentals of reconnaissance. After they complete the written exam they will execute six obstacles on the course. All team members and all equipment must negotiate all six obstacles. Once all team members and equipment are through all the obstacles the Scout team will conduct an additional three mile foot march to Brave Rifles Field on Harmony Church. Once all teams cross the finish line at Brave Rifles Field an awards ceremony will be conducted to recognize the Army's Best Scout Team.

4. Packing List.

a. The below listed items are required to compete.

- (1) Pens and Pencils
- (2) Notebook or 3x5 cards
- (3) Protractor
- (4) Map Markers (fine permanent, variety of colors)
- (5) Map (provided by host)
- (6) ID Tags (2 sets)
- (7) ID Card

- (8) Rucksack
- (9) Duffle Bag with Lock
- (10) Assault Pack
- (11) Sleeping Mat
- (12) Sleeping Bag System (bivvy cover, patrol bag, stuff sack)
- (13) Personal Hygiene Items
- (14) Underwear and T-Shirts (4 each)
- (15) Socks (6 pair)
- (16) Army Combat Uniforms (3 sets)
- (17) Boots (2 pair)
- (18) Wet Weather Gear (top, bottom, boots)
- (19) Poncho
- (20) Silks (top and bottom)
- (21) Gortex (top and bottom)
- (22) PT Cap
- (23) IPFU (complete set)
- (24. Reflective Belt or Vest
- (25) Running Shoes
- (26) Neck Gator
- (27) Patrol Cap
- (28) Army Combat Helmet with Night Vision Device Mount (Base Plate, JARM and Rhino mount)

(29) Fighting Load Carrier (FLC) with IFAK, ability to carry 7 rifle Magazines, NVGs, and personal equipment

(30) Camelback or two 1 QT canteens (Unit SOP dependant)

(31) 2qt. Canteen or equivalent (1 ea) (Unit SOP dependant)

(32) Flashlight w/extra batteries

(33) Compass

(34) APEL Approved Eye Pro

(35) Ear plugs

(36) Nomex Gloves or equivalent (must be flame retardant)

(37) Camo face paint

(38) CBRN Protective Mask

(38) 2 Set of Civilian clothes (collared shirt (polo or button up), pants, shoes) (Appropriate for awards dinner and ice breaker)

(39) 550 cord for tie downs

(40) No less than two (2) ACU unit patches. Division ACU shoulder sleeve insignia will be worn on both shoulders to identify the teams.

b. Prohibited Items. The below listed items are prohibited for use during the execution of the competition portion of the Gainey Cup.

(1) Global Positioning Systems

(2) Cell Phone and Smart Phones

(3) Energy Drinks (Red Bull, Monster, etc.)

(4) Supplements

c. ID card and ID tags are required to be on the Scout in order for him to mount the rotary wing aircraft during air movement. Scouts who are not in possession of their ID card and tags will not fly.

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5. Funding.

a. Competing Unit Responsibilities. Competing units are responsible for funding and arranging the competitors' transportation from home station to Fort Benning, GA and return.

b. Host Unit Responsibilities. U.S. Army Armor School will provide the competitors with billets, transportation, and meals throughout the duration of the Gainey Cup beginning at 010900MAR13 and ending 05 MAR 13 with the completion of the awards ceremony.

6. Point of Contact. The point of contact for this memorandum is CPT Joshua S. Hearn, Assistant Operations Officer, 316th Cavalry Brigade, at (706) 626-8169 or at joshua.s.hearn.mil@mail.mil.

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